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**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

ITEM No 29

Subject Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service agreement with WACHS UTILITY SERVICES, Wheeling, IL, to provide leak detection services for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$74,700, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$93,375 for the first extension option and \$116,719 for the second extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$284,794

Amount and Source of Funding Funding the amount of \$74,700 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the extension options will be contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note There is no fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Additional Backup Material
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For More Information Steve Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer, 974-2021

Purchasing Language Lowest bid of five bids received

MBE/WBE This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified, therefore no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is to provide leak detection services for approximately 600 linear miles of the Austin Water Utility's (AWU) water distribution system. AWU is increasing efforts to identify leaks that are not currently surfacing or being reported in order to reduce the amount of real losses. The leak detection efforts will target those areas with the highest reported breaks. It will be the Contractor's responsibility to identify areas where leaks exist and notify AWU so repairs can be made.

MBE/WBE solicited 0/4 MBE/WBE bid 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS a Adequate competition b Thirty-two notices were sent including four WBE firms. There were no MBE firms listed under this service. Eight solicitations were issued. Five bids were received. c This is the first purchase of this type, therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION a Lowest bid b The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Water Utility's recommended award. c Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.

BID TABULATION
IFB No SA06300097
(Leak Detection of 600 Linear Miles)

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Wachs Utility Services Wheeling, IL	\$124.50	\$ 74,700
Severn Trent Pipeline Services Fort Washington, PA	\$270 00	\$162,000
Earth Tech Inc Austin, TX	\$299 50	\$179,700
Water Loss Systems, Inc Clarksburg, MD	\$414 75	\$248,850
<i>Biwater USA Inc</i> Hollywood, FL	\$566 41	\$339,846